GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3875
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2004
DEPORTATION OF CHAKMA/HOJONG REFUGEES
Rijiju Shri Kiren

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to deport the Chakma and Hojong refugees temporarily settled in the State of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) the constitutional status of the Chakmas and Hojongs as on today?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGHUPATHY)

(a) & (b): The Hon`ble Supreme Court of India by its judgement dated the 9th January 1996 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 720 of 1995 has directed, inter-alia, that individual Chakma/Hojong settled in Arunachal Pradesh will not be evicted on the ground that he is not a citizen of India until the Government of India has taken a decision on his application for citizenship. Applications of Chakmas/Hojongs settled in Arunachal Pradesh for grant of citizenship received by the Government of India have been sent to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for their recommendations in accordance with the Citizenship Rules 1956 framed under the Citizenship Act, 1955.